

RESTAURANTS TO REMEMBER

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Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
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Whoops! We're One-Year-Old This Week

No, no, no, not US! It's Rose and Louis Song to whom we refer. And then again, it's not really them... but it certainly is the first year anniversary of their beautiful Tea House Restaurant at 25318 Crenshaw Blvd. in Torrance.

There is an amazing success story. A year ago this time one would take one look at the location of the Tea House and wonder how long the survival period would be... but then, of course, no one could figure a year ago just how the area would boom in the short space of 12 months.

The Songs could see it, however. And they've proved it. This enterprising couple went into a two-store "loft" full of stuff and high purpose, but most of all, full of know-how and confidence. They put together one of the most attractive Cantonese dinner houses available, staffed it with personnel that knew their way around a kitchen and dining room, and voila... The Tea House.

Then by way of topping off an already promising dinner business, they threw in the caper by opening a smart and intimate little cocktail lounge to the rear, contacted "Ronny," a fast and efficient man of exceptional ability, to operate that end of the business... and bingo... The Tea House was on its way!

One of the things that endears Ronny to the business is his faculty for remembering names as well as individuals. He seldom misses. This is an attribute to any man "working the plank." Ask anyone that ever worked one!

So now they're inviting you to meet with them, the Songs, to help them celebrate their first year in the business of serving the public at this address, all the rest of this week. There'll be all manner of fun and excitement topping the week off with a big night on Saturday night when a free buffet will be served one and all at midnight.

Don't miss this party, friends. Benny Nawahi will be on hand with his guitar and songs of the Islands to further enhance your evening at The Tea House. Remember, Rose and Louis Song are "the host and hostess with just the moosest." Let's meet there!

Starting this week... like the day before yesterday... he's started the Buffet Luncheon bit and as sort of a "get acquainted offer" he kicked the whole thing off with a 99-cent deal which included a choice of roast beef, fried chicken or baked ham, complete with vegetable and potatoes, plus a vast variety of salads from which to choose. But Ron says, "Ya gotta bring the ad" in order to get in on the deal. So like, make a tear sheet and lug it on down there and take advantage of Ron and his generosity. He'll be glad, you'll be glad and we'll be glad!

Then they've also got another goodie going at the Whale House. It's a Swing Contest every Monday night with zillions of prizes including an all expense trip to either Palm Springs or Las Vegas for the finalists as well as obtaining a part in a movie, "La Vita Hollywood" which is to be a Bert Tenzer production. Many more prizes, too.

Gets a little disconcerting over there at Filippone's on Calle Mayor in Torrance when all (or most) all the bartenders are named Bill. However, it does have its compensations. If you call you're usually safe in saying, "Hello... Bill?"... and nine times out of ten the guy on the other end will be a Bill.

Must be a bit frustrating for Sam Filippone (however, come the first of the month, "Got enough of 'em, ANYWAY," says Sam, "And they all want to be paid, animate and inanimate alike.")

But the business that Sam's doing down there at his friendly Filippone's Restaurant should stand him in pretty good stead to meet those obligations standing on his head. He puts out some pretty wild and delicious foods there daily, for lunch and dinner, both. New York, lobster, prime rib, then he's got some handsome banquet

room facilities which are filled most of the time and especially that VIP room. Really something, so when next time you're planning a soiree, think of Filippone's. You'll like what you find, both on your plate as well as service, price, and decor.

A long-time favorite here in the Southland, Sylvia Mora, completing a triumphant engagement in Las Vegas, blasted her way back (it's the second time around for her at this spot) into the Barbary Coast Room of the Mariner Hotel last Friday night to a highly elated and greatly regaled audience, despite problematical overtones (or is it undertones) regarding lights and temperamental "scene-stealing."

Oriole, wren, lark or songbird are some of the favorite tags hung on vocalists among nite club scribblers (hacks) but to refer to Sylvia Mora as any one of these would be ridiculous.

Here is one of the most bombastic, effervescent, and cataclysmic "broadies" (term of endearment, we assure you) to ever offer her dynamic personality to us poor, long-suffering earthlings in quite a spell. Come to think of it, wonder if the world is ready for this gal!

You can catch Mora's magnetism nite at the Barbary Coast Room all the rest of the week... at LEAST! Possibly longer, so fall by one nite soon and be entertained.

this weekend, starting Friday, the 18th, until Tuesday, which is Birthington's Wash-day.

Here's the gimmick down at the Smith Bros. Indian Village Restaurant in Torrance. If your name happens to be "George" hie ye on down there to 4020 Pacific Coast Hwy. for dinner and get in on the Cherry Tart action. But bear in mind, you must answer to the name of George or it's no deal 'cause this promotion, of course, is in honor of the birthday of the Father of our Country, George Washington.

This should be kind of fun, when friend wife says, "Oh, George" (in a real loud voice) and "George," whose name might happen to be Clyde or something, completely ignores her, forgetting for a moment, the gimmick.

Manager Virginia Haack didn't mention anything about showing a birth certificate or proof of your name so you take it up with her when you visit the Indian Village Restaurant this weekend for your Cherry Tart treat (that is, of course, with the dinner crowd). In recognition of the Cherry Tree bit in George's life, we must presume, You'll enjoy both the dinner AND the tarts so make it early, before they sell out.

When next you visit the Lucky Lady Club on Crenshaw in Torrance and you happen to wander over into the "four cushion salon," don't on your life, challenge either Patty or Gerri to a game of just plain old eight-ball pool! Here's a couple of real sharks. (H-m-m, wonder where they spent their youth, since they're still in it!)

But it's small wonder we champions of the pockets, lose to these exciting female Willie Hoppes, with the outfits they wear. You can keep his mind on a game of pool with pulchritude like that



BOMBASTIC... That's the name for Sylvia Mora, currently appearing at Mariner Hotel's Barbary Coast Room on Pacific Coast Highway in Lomita. She'll really "turn you on."

bending over the table. Very likely Vickie, Joan, and Barbara are also sharps "on the green," too, but just didn't happen to see them banking 'em off and into the corner pocket.

Ah yes, it's fast becoming a woman's world, men! They are invading all our little goodies that we prized for so many years as our own!

Just goes to show you though, ladies, that it IS being done by the fair sex, and most adequately, as you'll see when next you visit the Lucky Lady Club. Manager Wade Austin will see that you're shown around and if you play your cards right, he may give you a pointer or two on which end of the cue stick to chalk. (This is the first step, you know).

Meanwhile, if you don't care for a small joust at the tables, you may just sit back, relax, sip a couple of beers and listen to some good sounds coming from the big elevated band stand in the center of the room. They're getting some fine talent in there these nites. Last week it was The Ragamuffins (and who needs the Beatles!) and Wade has high hopes of getting them back one day soon, when they finish their northern loop.



OBSERVING... It's Rose and Louis Song, ing their first year in business at The Tea House on Crenshaw in Torrance. Saturday nite is event, so try to be present... and please!

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